and anti-national activities. At the same time, Government has always been willing to talk to any outfit provided it is willing to abjure violence and come forward for discussions within the framework of the Indian Constitution.

The Government has entered into Suspension of Operations (SoO)/Cease Fire arrangements with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isac/Muivah) [NSCN/IM] and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Khaplang) [NSCN/K] in Nagaland; United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD) and National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) in Assam; Kuki National Organization and United People's Front and its constituents in Manipur; and Achik National Volunteer Council (ANVC) in Meghalaya.

Dialogue with NSCN(I/M) on their charter of demands is continuing at the level of Group of Ministers (GoM). NSCN(K) has not submitted their charter of demands. NDFB has recently agreed to submit its demands within the framework of Indian Constitution. Tripartite discussions on the demands of DHD are continuing. ULFA has not yet come forward for talks. However, two Coys of 28 Bn. of United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), who have declared unilateral ceasefire, has also not yet submitted their demands. A Memorandum of Settlement (MoS) has been signed with National Liberation Front of Tripura (Nayanbasi) [NLFT(NB)] in December 2004. However, National Liberation Front of Tripura (Biswamohan) Debbarma) [NLFT/BM] has not yet come forward for talks.

Tripartite discussions on the demands of the outfits are continuing and it would be premature to disclose the details at this stage.

Foreigners entering India illegally

329. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints regarding manipulations in issuance of visa and passports are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, whether several foreigners have entered into India illegally;

(c) whether many cases have been detected at the border of Rajasthan and other States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) No foreigner is allowed by the immigration authorities to enter into the country unless he/she is in possession of valid travel documents including a valid visa. As per available information, 108 cases of forged travel documents were detected at Munabao Immigration Check Post (ICP), falling under the district of Barmer in the State of Rajasthan, in the year 2008.

(d) To ascertain the genuineness of the travel documents including visas and to detect forgeries, the immigration officers at all the ICPs in the country are provided with the specimen copies of the travel documents for comparison. They are also provided with Ultra Violet Lamps/Magnifying glasses to examine the travel documents including visas to detect possible tampering. In addition, Passport Reading Machines (PRMs) and Questionable Document Examiner (QDX) Machines have also been installed at major ICPs. Above all, officers manning immigration counters at all the ICPs are given special training for detection of forged/fake travel documents.

Problems in Tripura due to barbed wire fencing

330. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has pinpointed the areas on the international border of Tripura where the barbed wire fencing has been erected about 200 to 500 metre inside Indian territory from the zero-point;

(b) whether Government is aware that a good number of families have been additionally affected for this reason and cases of harassment have been occurring almost every where;

(c) the details of the incident of firing by BSF personnel on the public, causing deaths and injuries on 19.01.09 at Boxonagar in Tripura; and

(d) the remedy contemplated for all these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) Due to topographical configuration, thick habitation, riverine stretches, presence of forests and resistance offered by Bangladesh Rifles, the fencing works in some patches in Tripura along Indo-Bangladesh Border has been taken up at a distance of more then 150 yards from the International border line (zero-point), inside Indian territory. Some location specific cases of families affected by fencing have come to the notice of the Government and proper redressal of public grievances are being done through remedial measures like financial assistance and by providing houses under Indira Awas Yojana, etc. Proper gates have been provided at intervals and timings for opening of gates is decided by BSF in consultation with the local population, to facilitate the forming activities.

(c) and (d) As per the available information, on 19.01.09 the BSF raided a place at Dhupuria Bandh (Boxonagar) in Tripura, acting on an information about smuggling of 'Gamja'. During the raid, BSF was attacked by smugglers. In retaliation BSF fired, which has resulted in killing of two civilians and injuries to five others including one BSF Jawan.

Following remedial measures have been contemplated for handling such cases:-

(i) Troops have been educated not to open fire in populated areas;